

From: Judith Peterson
To: Ms. Renata B. Heese
Date: 1/21/02 6:50pm
Subject: Microsoft Settlement (Support)

Dear Ms. Heese:

I am writing in support of the recent settlement of the antitrust lawsuit between the U.S. Department of Justice, and Microsoft Corporation. Though I applaud the nine state attorneys general that decided to follow the federal government's lead and settle the case, I am thoroughly disappointed that remaining state attorneys general and the District of Columbia have decided to further pursue this case.

The settlement is fair to all. It will allow Microsoft's competitors to use Microsoft's Windows operating system to incorporate their software programs and will give consumers more services and products to choose from.

Mmbers of Citizens for a Sound Economy have been unrelenting in our opposition to the federal government's antitrust case against Microsoft. Microsoft's actions did not harm consumers, but provided them with great benefits by lowering the cost and increasing the availability of software products. Microsoft is a pioneer in the high-technology market and their products have increased our familiarity with the internet.

Thank your for your decisions to settle this unfortunate lawsuit against a successful and innovative company.

Respectfully,

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